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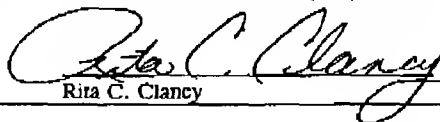
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APPLICANTS' SEPTEMBER 16, 2003 REQUEST FOR
RECONSIDERATION OF EXAMINER'S REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

Sir:

On September 26, 2003, applicants filed a Request for Reconsideration of
Examiner's Requirement for Restriction with a Petition for Extension of Time (one month).
Pursuant to a conference by telephone on May 6, 2004, with Examiner Mehta (not the
Examiner assigned to the present case), the undersigned has been advised that, although the
above Petition is in the USPTO's file, the Request is not.

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Forwarded herewith, are copies of: (A) the Request which was filed on September 16, 2003; (B) the Petition which was attached thereto; and (C) the above-referenced cancelled check.

Applicants request respectfully that the USPTO acknowledge that the above Request was filed timely on September 16, 2003 and issue a prompt and favorable Action.

Respectfully submitted,



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